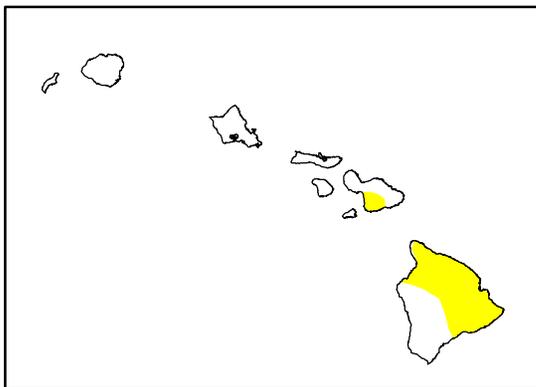
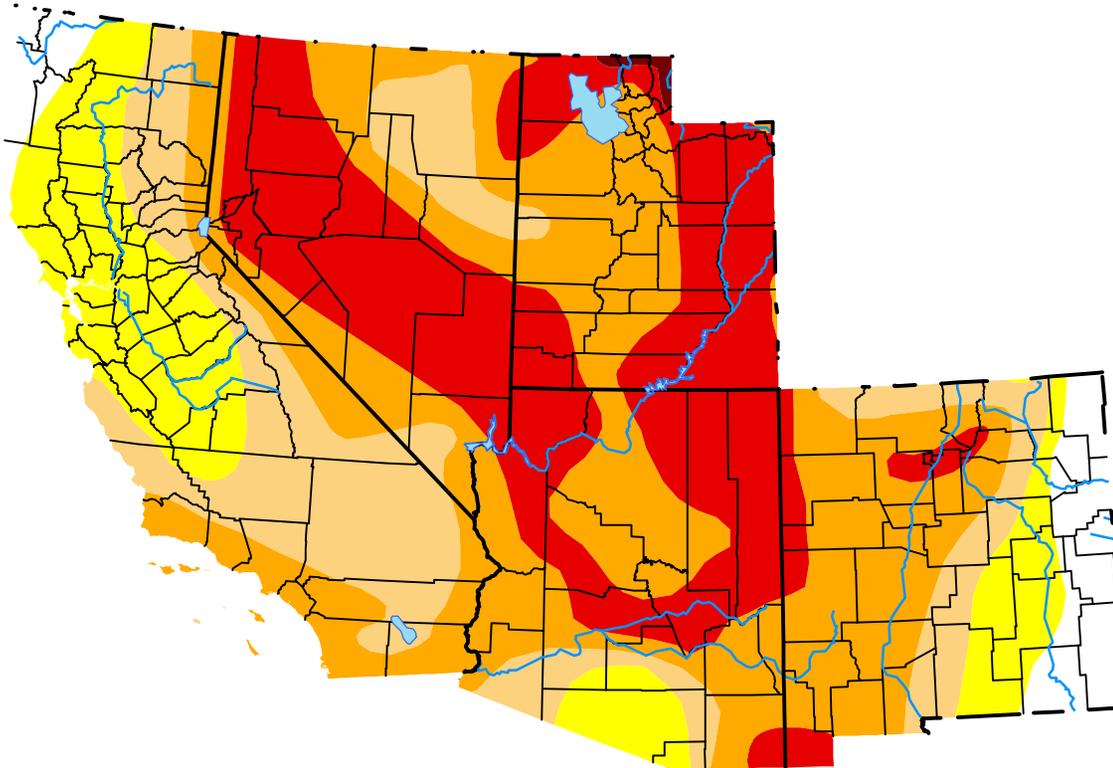


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-23-2004</i>	5.21	94.79	80.44	61.56	27.10	0.21
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-01-2004</i>	4.95	95.05	81.28	55.74	25.77	0.28
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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